

REMARKS

Claims 1-33 are pending in the current application.

Claim Objections

The Examiner objected to claims 13, 16, 29, and 32 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervention claims. Applicants hold such rewriting in abeyance at this time.

§102(e) Rejection

The Examiner rejected claims 1-4, 17-20, and 33 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Pennell et al. (US Pat. App. Pub. No. 2005/0149854, hereafter “Pennell”).

The present invention relates to the creation of a multimedia document, and an apparatus for accomplishing the same. The applied art, Pennell, teaches a method and apparatus for automatically entering form data in a browser. The Examiner argues that Pennell teaches all of the elements of the claimed invention. Applicants respectfully disagree.

Claim 1 recites, in part, “a multimedia document completing unit that completes the template document as a multimedia document by fixing the floating field.” Claim 17 similarly recites, in part, “completing the template document as a multimedia document by fixing the detected floating field.” The Examiner argues that the data entry in Pennell teaches the creation of a multimedia document by fixing the blanks. However, the data entry according to Pennell fails to create a document. The forms in Pennell only teach data entry for online ordering items, or to log into a website. This does not create a multimedia document. This creates a web page where a customer, or user, has filled in personal information for a specific purpose.

Additionally, the data entry does not “fix the floating field” as is required in the present invention. The form blanks in Pennell may be altered, changed, or held temporarily. Once the web site is exited, the fields of the form are reset to be blank. This is not fixing the fields.

Therefore, Applicants submit that claims 1 and 17 are patentable over Pennell, as Pennell fails to disclose all of the elements of these claims. Furthermore, claims 2-4, 18-20 and 33 should be patentable at least by virtue of their dependency from claims 1 and 17 respectively.

§103(a) Rejections

The Examiner rejected claims 5-6 and 21-22 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Pennell et al. Claims 5-6 and 21-22 depend from claims 1 and 17, respectively. Because Pennell fails to disclose all of the elements of claims 1 and 17, claims 5-6 and 21-22 should be patentable at least by virtue of their dependency from claims 1 and 17.

The Examiner also rejected claims 7-12, 14-15, 23-28 and 30-31 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Pennell et al. in view of Winkler (US Pat. App. Pub. No. 2002/0137507, hereafter “Winkler”).

Independent claims 7 and 23 contain similar limitations to those noted above in claims 1 and 17. Since Pennell fails to disclose all of the elements of claims 1 and 17, it also fails to disclose those similar elements of claims 7 and 23. Because Winkler fails to cure the deficiencies noted in Pennell, claims 7 and 23 should be patentable over the applied art since the combined references fail to teach or suggest all of the elements of the claims.

Claims 8-12, 14-15, 24-28 and 30-31 should be patentable at least by virtue of their dependency from claims 7 and 23, respectively.

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Allowable subject matter

The objection to claims 13, 16, 29 and 32 should be withdrawn, as the independent claims should be patentable.

Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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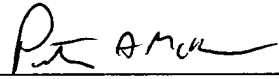
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